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~~dated~~ 26th July 1948 on the above subject, a copy of the rules framed under section 3 (2) of the Ordinance No. VII of 1948 (Influx from West Pakistan (Control) Ordinance, already published in the issue of Government of India Gazette Extraordinary of 19th July 1948, is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.

RULE REGARDING PERMIT SYSTEM INTRODUCED BETWEEN WESTERN PAKISTAN AND INDIA.

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1. Permits will be necessary for all persons wishing to travel from Western Pakistan to the Indian Dominion by Land, Sea or Air.

2. Persons belonging to countries other than Western Pakistan who are in possession of valid passports do not require any permits.

3. Government Officers who have frequently to travel between the two Dominions on duty may be given permanent passes countersigned by authorised officers. In case, the Pakistan Government decide to introduce a permit system on the basis of reciprocity, these passes may be counter-signed by authorised officers of both the Dominions. The passes should bear photographs of the officers.

For the staff working on the Jodhpur Railway, the General Manager of the Railway will be authorised to sign permanent passes on behalf of the Indian Dominion. Passes will be confined strictly to the officials crossing and re-crossing the Frontier on duty, and will contain photographs of officials concerned.

4. From the date the permit system is brought into force, any persons not in possession of a valid permit will not be allowed to enter the Indian Dominion.

5. Permits will be in printed forms and will be signed and issued by the High Commissioner, or Deputy High Commissioner for India in Pakistan who are authorised to issue the permits. The forms are machine-numbered and are bound in books of 100 forms each. Officer at the Check-post should learn to distinguish the proper form.

6. Nothwithstanding anything in these rules a permit will not be necessary in the case of refugees from Western Punjab, or N.W.F.P. who may be evacuated through the Indian Government Evacuation Organisation functioning in Western Punjab.

7. No permits will be necessary in the case of refugees who may be sent by sea from Karachi to Bombay by the High Commissioner for India, Karachi. A list of such refugees, will, however, be forwarded immediately by Air Mail by the High Commissioner to the Director of Evacuation, Bombay, and the refugees will be allowed to land in Bombay on the basis of this list on the authority of the Director of Evacuation, Bombay. Similar procedure will apply in case of ships sent to ports in Kathiawar from Karachi, but lists in these cases will have to be sent to Director of Evacuation, Kathiawar.

8. In regard to refugees sent by Special Refugees Trains from Hyderabad (Sind) to India, an officer of the High Commissioner should accompany these trains and on

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his authority, the refugees will be allowed to enter the Indian Dominion without any permits. Such trains will be run through to the Indian Dominion for so long as the Jodhpur Railway is responsible for the running of trains in both the Dominions.

9. Permits will ~~xxxxx~~ necessary in the case of refugees who may have to travel by ordinary trains between Hyderabad (Sind) and the Indian Dominion. The High Commissioner for India in Karachi will arrange to post an Officer in Hyderabad for the issue of such permits. The validity of these permits should not exceed the period which is necesary for the train to reach the Indian Dominion. A slight margin may, however, be left for dealy in transit.

10. Railways, Steamships and Air Transport Companies should not issue tickets to persons who are not in possession of valid permits.

11. A person wishing to obtain permits will state clearly the station he wishes to visit in the Indian Dominion, and his address in India, and the permit will be filled in accordingly. The Police will have the right to check up the permit holder at the address given by him in India.

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